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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

The month of June marks the final month of "The Year of the Volunteer" and the final month of our 2009-2010 fraternal year; the final month to accomplish the goals we have set as a state, as a council or personally—whether it be as a State Officer, State Director or Chairman, District Deputy or Grand Knight.

Has your Council or District achieved your membership objectives? Have you reached Star Council or Star District status? If the answer is "yes", then congratulations and a heartfelt thanks are in order to you and your membership. If, however, the answer is no and you still need additional members to attain Star Council or Star District, then you still have a month to "beat the bushes" and reactivate those former members, recruit those graduating seniors, RCIA candidates or those men you have been meaning to ask and encourage to join, but just haven't taken the time to do so. I encourage you to set aside that time now and make those contacts you have been putting off. Then set a First Degree in June and bring those men into the Order so they can enjoy the benefits of membership and begin their work for the Lord through the Knights of Columbus. Remember, to receive credit for Star Council or Star District for this fraternal year, the Form 100 must be recorded by Supreme by June 30. Faxing those Form 100's to Supreme Council would be a smart decision as we progress into the last two weeks of June. The Lord will have much work for us to do in the coming year and we will need a larger membership to accomplish the greater tasks he will set out before us. As of late May we are still nearly 200 members away from **Circle of Honor** for Kansas. We need help from every council in Kansas to reach this great recognition for our state. Remember that all 1st Degrees in June are in honor of our outgoing State Chaplain, Fr. David Metz, so be sure your council holds a 1st Degree in this month of June in his honor. Be sure that no stones are left unturned in your council's recruitment efforts and together we will surely return Kansas into the **Circle of Honor**.



Have members of your council contacted those members who haven't paid their membership dues or haven't been to a meeting or helped with a fundraiser for awhile? Be sure to begin an effective retention campaign by contacting those members and let them know they are an integral part of your council and that you need their help to reach all the people in need and to complete the work the Lord has set out before us. These men joined our Order to make a difference in their life and the lives of those less fortunate. We owe them the opportunity to see that this desire is allowed to come to fruition instead of just being a withering goal left to die because of our shortcomings of not including them in our plans.

There is still time to accomplish our goals but we must act now! Let us leave no stone unturned. We must ask ourselves: Have I done all I can in answering the call of Pope Benedict XVI to "**Follow Me, Help Us Build Up The Church**"? If not, let's act now to achieve those things in the month of June. Vivat Jesus.

Francis G. Drouhard, State Deputy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE:

- 6 Major Degree at Wichita- St. Jude #12049
- 12 4th Degree Exemplification in Wichita
- 13 4th Degree Biennial Meeting in Wichita
- 13 Major Degrees at Parsons #643 and Hays-St. Marys #6984
- 18-20 State Planning Meeting at McPherson
- 27 Major Degree at Bonner Springs #2408
- 30 Deadline for Membership Applications** for this Fraternal Year
- 30 Deadline** for receipt of **Columbian Award Applications** at Supreme
- 30 Deadline** for receipt of **RSVP Refund/Plaque Applications** at Supreme

JULY:

- Regional District Meetings—Late July/Early August – To Be Announced
- 1 Report of Officers (Form 185) due at Supreme
- 9-11 State Officers & District Deputy Installation Meeting at Hays
- 9-11 Distribution of Applications/Reply Statement & Tickets for Religious Education Fund Drawing to District Deputies
- 31 **Service Program Personnel Report (Form 365) due at Supreme**

DID YOU KNOW?

State Master of the 4th Degree, Bill Baalman is hosting a trip to New Haven, CT in October to tour the Supreme Museum, Supreme Headquarters, St. Marys Church where our Order was founded, and several other historical attractions. See the insert in this issue for further details.

The Kansas Knight of the Month is James Seematter from Mayetta Council #9535

Family of the Month winners of a Holy Family Statuette from Supreme were as follows:
James & Theresa Pritchard Family of Council # 1149 – Paola; Greg & Pam Augustine Family of Council # 2133 – Ellis; Edward & Kim Smith Family of Council # 4458 – Derby; Mark & Julie Towner Family of Council #1645-Tipton; William & Martha Beer Family of Council #4113-Wakeeney; Jim & Lene Wells Family of Council #7486-Mulvane

**STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE**

WOW, what a tremendous achievement many of you have accomplished across this great state of Kansas thus far this fraternal year. We have attained many of our goals, and I have listed the top 15 recruiters in Kansas as well as those Councils, by Division, who have reached at least 75% of membership quota as of May 1st. However, as a State we all have the major goal of **CIRCLE OF HONOR** to make this year complete.

With one month left in this fraternal year, I would like to remind everyone that membership in our order is a constant effort. Every eligible Catholic man deserves the same opportunity that each of us have, to enjoy the benefits of Knighthood.

Let us all take this opportunity to examine our numbers in each council and take the necessary action to become **STAR COUNCILS**. We have one last month in this fraternal year to set those 1st Degrees to ensure Star Council Status for your Council and Circle of Honor for the great State of Kansas. Remember, all 1st Degrees in June should be in honor of our outgoing State Chaplain, Fr. David Metz. Let's show our appreciation for him by every council setting a degree and recruiting 2 or 3 Members in his honor.

(Please see insert for more details on membership).

TOP 15 RECRUITERS IN KANSAS---As of 4/01/2010

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|------------------|----|--------------------|----|
| 1. Jim Gerber | 28 | 9. Wade Greif | 11 |
| 2. Cletus Doll | 20 | 10. Neil Daugherty | 11 |
| 3. Frank Hicks | 17 | 11. Bob Stuhlsatz | 10 |
| 4. Tom Cavaliere | 15 | 12. Edward Stork | 9 |
| 5. John Nelson | 15 | 13. Scott Buescher | 8 |
| 6. Tom Dinges | 14 | 14. Mike Jury | 7 |
| 7. Joe Cummings | 14 | 15. Michael Gomez | 7 |
| 8. Jim Zuperku | 13 | | |

Div	Number	Council	Net	Quota
1	14218	Ft. Riley – Fr. Kapaun	5	167%
1	11735	K.C. Holy Name	5	167%
1	6660	Phillipsburg	3	100%
2	1181	Chapman	4	133%
2	1066	Herington	3	100%
2	9350	Seward	3	100%
2	7674	Stockton	3	100%
3	12093	P.V.- St. Ann	10	200%
3	1500	Clafin	6	150%
3	6671	Valley Falls	6	150%
3	826	K.C. Lafayette	4	133%
3	7446	Mound City	5	125%
3	6665	Bird City St. Francis	3	75%
3	8505	Hiawatha	3	75%
4	13354	Ft. Leavenworth	15	250%
4	3146	Basehor	13	217%
4	12546	Wea	9	180%
4	8511	Manhattan – KSU	7	175%
4	13087	Baileyville	9	150%
4	13394	Corning	7	117%
4	12960	Lawrence –Corpus Chris	5	83%
5	3828	Danville	10	143%

5	1370	Wamego	7	100%
5	8059	Topeka – Mater Dei.	5	83%
6	3020	Roeland Pk. St. Agnes	19	271%
6	7485	Andover	9	129%
6	11067	Leawood-Nativity	9	113%
6	12858	Wichita – St. Anne	7	100%
6	12437	Louisburg	8	100%
6	10279	Sabetha Fidelity	6	86%
6	6781	K.C. St. Patrick	6	75%
7	2408	Bonner Springs	20	200%
7	3018	Ottawa	10	111%
7	2365	Damar	10	111%
7	1149	Paola	12	109%
7	11352	Tonganoxie	9	82%
8	12577	Leawood St. Michael	23	164%
9	10408	Wichita – Magdalen	28	147%
9	11126	Shawnee – G. Shepherd	21	124%
9	4708	Atchison-Benedictine	19	112%
9	976	Newton	21	111%
9	11661	O.P. Holy Spirit	15	88%
9	2133	Ellis	12	75%
10	10932	O.P. Ascension	47	152%
10	2217	Andale	23	105%
10	4458	Derby	27	104%
10	7909	Olathe-Prince of Peace	32	100%
10	3114	Clonmel-Schulte	30	91%
10	6673	Lenexa – Holy Trinity	19	86%
10	4118	Wichita-Fr.Zeller	29	83%
10	883	Pittsburg	19	79%

Gary L. Hoppe
State Membership Director -- Kansas

STATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Over 120 Councils either submitted their Columbian Award Application Form SP-7 at the State Convention in Wichita, or have already filed it with Supreme. Was your Council one of them? To qualify for the coveted Star Council Award, you must have this form completed correctly and into Supreme **prior to June 30**. Although it is not due until June 30, it makes good sense to submit it right away, so the state team will not have to call you at the last minute.

The SP-7 form **must include four (4) activities** in each of the six (6) programming areas - Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Pro-Life. Inside the back cover of the Program & Membership Guide you will find twenty (20) examples of activities for each of the areas. It should be easy for your Council to have completed most of these items. **If you list less than four items in each category, you will not qualify for the award.** The Columbian Award is available to all councils.

Adopt-A-Seminarian: Please be sure to fulfill your Council's pledge to the Seminarians adopted right away so you can get the RSVP Refund/Plaque application submitted prior to June 30. The only way you will receive the \$100 refund for each \$500 donated to each Seminarian is if you send a copy of both sides of the cancelled check, or other documentation, to Supreme along with the RSVP form found on page 21 of the

Council Report Forms Booklet. Even if you are not entitled to a refund, please submit the form and show your level of support; you will still qualify to receive a plate for your RSVP wall plaque.

Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365): Now that your Council has completed the election of Officers for the 2010-2011 fraternal year and submitted Form #185, Report of Officers, it is time to focus your immediate attention on appointing Directors and Chairmen. A report of the individuals filling those positions (Form #365-Service Program Personnel Report) must be submitted to Supreme **prior to August 1, 2010**. This is the first of three mandatory forms required to qualify for the Star Council Award. Both forms can be found on pages 31-34 in your existing **Brown 2009-2010 Council Report Forms Booklet**. If your council will be changing leadership in the Grand Knight position, please be sure the new Grand Knight receives this 2009-2010 Booklet, so these forms can be completed and sent in now. Be sure to submit them right away – don't wait until it's too late. A supplemental report can be submitted later if there are any changes or additions.

Family Life: Family Life Director Dan Wimberly thanks all councils who participated in the Family of the Month and Family of the Year program. Be sure to send your Family of the Month entries to Supreme by the 15th of each month.

State Convention: The Annual State Convention in Wichita was a great success! Many awards were given in various programming areas. Except for the Pennies From Heaven winners, all program awards are listed in the Director/Chairmen Reports included in the Convention Reports Book. Pennies From Heaven Chairman Gary Wondra announced the winners of the Pennies program at the business meeting on Monday morning. They were as follows:

Division	Council #	Council Name	\$ Per Member
Division 1	924	Humboldt	\$ 24.87
Division 2	11240	Perry	\$ 12.75
Division 3	9535	Mayetta	\$ 12.96
Division 4	11779	Elkhart	\$ 16.44
Division 5	3273	Larned	\$ 8.76
Division 6	1862	Wright	\$ 7.14
Division 7	1510	Norton	\$ 9.19
Division 8	3381	Liberal	\$ 10.27
Division 9	1163	Axtell	\$ 7.21
Division 10	601	Salina	\$ 4.77

District Deputy Winners are:

District Deputy # 43 Fred Wetter \$ 5.90 per member.

District Deputy # 54 Sam Widener \$5.90 per member.

Pennies From Heaven Chairman Gary Wondra thanks all who helped run the Country Store, Pennies Raffle and Pennies Parade at the 109th Convention of the Kansas State Council. A special thank you is extended to all who made donations and special thanks also to our

auctioneer for our Pennies From Heaven Auction, Fr. Bernie Gorges.

Pro-Life Chair Couple Jim & Theresa Pritchard thank all councils that reported pro-life donations. Kansas State Convention totals showed 158 councils reported donations of over \$303,932. Thanks also to those councils submitting Evangelium Vitae Applications. We hope to see many more in 2010-11. Several memorials to the unborn were added to the list. Kansas now has 127 memorials. Many right to life signs dot the Kansas countryside. We would like a listing of pro-life billboards and pictures for a new scrapbook. Any updated information can be sent to Jim & Theresa.

Thank You to Program Personnel: This has been a **very outstanding** year in programming. All State Directors and Chairmen have worked very hard and done an outstanding job. I personally thank the following Directors and Chairmen for a job well done:

Vince Melvin III- Church Activities Director and Vocations Chairman

Dean Haselhorst - Religious Education Fundraising Chairman

Tom Schmeidler - Youth Activities Director & Free Throw Chairman

Jeremy Rabe - Columbian Squires Chairman

Rev. Frank Jordan – State Father Prior

Dan Wimberly - Family Life Director

Dale Weber - Community Activity Director, Commitment to Humanities Chairman & Special Olympics Chairman

Gary Wondra - Pennies From Heaven Chairman

Jim & Theresa Pritchard - Pro-Life Chaircouple

Marcel Braun - Council Activity Director & Health Services/Athletic Events Chairman

Greg Lix – Publicity & Fraternal Chairman

Tom Bachamp - WebMaster

Duane Engel - Knights Lite Editor (Deceased)

Larry Marstall - State Historian

I also thank all the District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Program Directors. Your teamwork, along with the State Directors and Chairmen, has set several records in our State Programs. **What a tremendous job you have all done!!!** Without all your hard work, our programs could not shine!

Scott A. Maurath
State Program Director

JUNE/2010 EXPLORER INSURANCE REPORT

The Knights of Columbus Agency Department is proud to congratulate the following men for achieving the honor of Field Agent of the Month for their respective agencies:

Eastern Kansas Agency: Luke Henry wrote \$2,725,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in April.

Central Kansas Agency: Jim Zuperku wrote \$681,929 in life insurance protection on members and their families in April.

Western Kansas Agency: Justin Deges wrote \$1,570,000 in life insurance protection on members and their families in April.

The three agencies combined to write a total of \$31,506,974 in life insurance during the month of April.

Please join us in congratulating the following men for their outstanding performance. These men lead the state for the Knights of Columbus insurance program in April of 2010.

Justin Deges	David Soukup	Mark Stallbaumer	Darin Reed
Dan Reed	Kirby Schmelzle	Robert Meyer	Joe Cummings
Mark Locke	Bill Roggenkamp		

If you or someone you know would like to join our winning team of Field Agents please call 1-866-391-8781 for more information.

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KANSAS STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



June 1, 2010

Brother Knights,

You are the leaders of the Knights of Columbus in the great State of Kansas. Our state is meeting the challenge to be among the elite at the Supreme Convention this August in Washington D.C. The coveted Circle of Honor for membership growth can be the result of many hours of hard work by the Knights of this state; however the job is not complete till June 30th. What a wonderful accomplishment for every Knight in this state, providing we keep the pressure on this last month, as we have in the first 11 months of this fraternal year.

Just recently, through our Lord's Gospel, we learned that we are instructed to "Love your neighbor as I have loved you". We show our love for our neighbor by first having the will, and then by our words and actions we let him know that we have his best interest in mind. By helping a good Catholic man become a Knight in our wonderful order, we give him an opportunity to become a better Catholic, husband, father and citizen. We need to perform the charitable act of holding 1st degrees in this last month of the fraternal year.

We have 4 remaining Major Degrees: June 6th Council 12049 – Wichita St. Jude; June 13th – Council 643 – Parsons and Council 6984—Hays St. Marys; and June 27th at Council 2408 Bonner Springs/Shawnee Sacred Heart **We cannot rely on Major Degrees to meet our GOAL. We must fill in with many 1st degrees.**

Now for the list of Districts that have reached 75% of membership quota as of May 1st.

Dist.	Name	%	Dist.	Name	%
6	Stephen Ables	193.3	32	Bruce Luehring	113.5
11	Christopher Mnichowski	160.7	34	William Quaney	107.4
5	Robert Hall	145.9	7	Edward Vogrin	105.1
33	Mark Mason	129.4	10	Michael Grothoff	95.3
12	Kelly McKinney	127.5	8	Rodney Hoffman	90.3
9	Joseph Globoke	125.0	13	Michael Martin	81.4
			16	Robert Vernon Jr.	78.7

There are 6 Districts that are 100% of quota in Insurance as of May 1st. Let all Districts and Councils **BE AWARE OF YOUR NUMBERS**, as many councils and districts are very close to becoming STAR status. The members of your Districts and Councils deserve the credit that they will receive from Supreme as a STAR COUNCIL, or by receiving the "Father McGivney Award" or the "Founder's Award".

Vivat Jesus,

Gary L. Hoppe
State Membership Director --Kansas

Knights of Columbus **New Haven, CT Trip**

October 18-21, 2010

**Open to any Knights of Columbus member
and their family.**

Direct flight out of Kansas City into LaGuardia Airport
in New York City.

“Tentative” Planned Activities

Tour Knights of Columbus Home Office

Tour Knights of Columbus Museum

Celebrate Mass at St. Mary’s Church where Fr. McGivney was pastor.

Visit Fr. McGivney’s Family Burial Plot

Visit Glebe House Museum and Gertrude Jekyll Gardens
in Woodbury, CT

Tour Hollister House Gardens &
Litchfield Hills and its Covered Bridges

Cost is \$1175 per person.

Price includes air fare, 3 nights motel accommodations, five meals,
motor coach bus for transportation, tour guide, liability insurance,
baggage handling, admission fees, tips and taxes.

Capacity of only 45 people - first come, first serve.

For more details contact Bill Baalman, PSD
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